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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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CHINA:—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & CO., Swatow, CAMPBELL & CO., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Fuzhou, HEDER & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—Hon. W. KESWICK.
E. R. BELMOS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
H. L. DALBYMPL, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3/4 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4/4 " "
" 12 " " 5/4 " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.
D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGÈRE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOSHONG.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM this Date until further notice, Mr. D. F. T. HENRY will take Charge of this Agency.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from J. J. FRANCIS, Esq., Acting Puisne Judge, to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, No. 1, Caine Road, on

TUESDAY, the 27th May, 1879, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Handsome Drawing-room Suite, consisting of Chairs, Couches, Easy Chairs, and Ottoman in Walnut, covered with Cretone, Side Tables, Whatnots, Mirrors, Engravings, Curtains, Fender and Irons, Gasolier, &c., &c.

Solid Mahogany Dining-room Chairs, Teak Dining Table, Marble-top Sideboard, Carpet, Glass-ware, Crockery, Electro plated Ware, &c., &c.

Bed-room Chairs, Lady's and Gentleman's Wardrobes, Iron Bedsteads, Toilet Tables and Mirrors, Marble-top Washstands and Services, Bed-room Sofas, Chests of Drawers.

Also,
A Rosewood Cottage Piano, by B. H. Luman, Lübeck.

A Large Telescope, with Astronomical Eye-piece.

A Large Aquarium.

Flower Pots and Plants, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole will be on view during Monday, the 26th instant.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 743, 761 and 782, and the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIXTURES.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND & GODOWNS, &c.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs LANDSTEIN & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 12th June, 1879, at 3.30 p.m., at their Office, MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road,—

The following VERY VALUABLE LOT OF LAND, with Coal Godowns AND CHINESE DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon, at Praya East, having a Water Frontage of 116 feet by 314 feet, containing about 36,000 square feet, divided into Lots as follows:—

Lot No. 1.—Portion of that PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 428, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Cross Street.

Lot No. 2.—Portion of that PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 429, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Cross Street.

Lot No. 3.—Portion of that PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 429, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Cross Street.

Lot No. 4.—Portion of that PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 428, with Four Chinese Dwelling Houses erected thereon, fronting Nallah Lane.

Lot No. 5.—That PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND, situated at Praya East in Hongkong. Registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 116, with Three Large Godowns capable of storing 2,700 tons each, and Two Small Godowns with Water Frontage and Servants' Quarters erected thereon.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-quarter of Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the Balance on completion of Transfer, the expense of which to be paid by the Purchasers.

The Property to be at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars and Plans, apply to

HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 21, 1879.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on an early DATE, unless disposed of privately, of which due Notice will be given:—

Portions of INLAND LOT No. 105, adapted for the erection of FIVE CHINESE HOUSES on COCHRANE STREET, corner of Gage Street, and FIVE HOUSES on Gage Street, corner of Gutland Street.

Plans may be seen, and all particulars obtained at the OFFICES of

SHARP & DANBY, No. 6, Queen's Road, lately Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

Intimations.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE.

APPROACHES TO HONGKONG—TYTAMI CHANNEL.

Position of DANGERS.

Lat. 21° 57' 36" N. Long. 114° 07' 59" E. Left Extreme Tytami Island, N. 30° W. Right Extreme do, N. 58° E. Least Water on the Rock (reduced to low Water Springs) 18 feet.

Clearing Marks.

No Vessel should stand to the Northward of a line joining the S.E. point of Yehau Island with the centre of Guyano Island (bearing respectively from each other N. 67° E. and S. 87° W.) until Eshan Head opens clear of S.W. point of Tytami Island bearing N. & W.

This Book is about 50 feet long East and West, and 20 feet North and South. Between the Rock and the Island the Soundings vary from 8 to 10 fathoms.

(Signed) G. KING HARMAN, Lieut. and Navigating Officer H.M.S. "Morgue."

Approved. (Signed) GEO. A. G. GREY, Lieut. and Commander H.M.S. "Morgue."

Hongkong, 8th May, 1879.

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This Notice affects Admiralty Chart No. 3213 and Sailing Directions for the China Sea Vol. III, page 78.

Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS for the Extension of BOILER SHED; REPAIRS to ROOF, PILLARS, &c., at H.M. NAVAL YARD, will be received by the Undersigned on or before TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, at Noon.

Plan and Specification can be seen on application at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.

JOHN BRENNER, Naval Storekeeper.

H.M.'s Naval Yard, Hongkong, 15th May, 1879.

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GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

THE POST OF STEWARD and STORE-KEEPER will be vacant for about Six Weeks from 1st June.

EXOLUMENTS: \$300 per Month, with Quarters, Fuel and Light.

Further Particulars may be had on applying to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, will be Open and Ready for the use of MEMBERS, on MONDAY, the 2nd June next.

Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 14, 1879.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. on Shareholders Capital, payable at the Office of the Secretaries, on the 28th Instant, to SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the 21st Instant.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

Shanghai, 18th April, 1879.

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NOTICE.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above OFFICE are Requested to furnish the Under signed with a LIST of THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending 31st December, 1878, in order that the Distribution of the PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTIONS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th JUNE Next will be Adjusted by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1879.

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YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our Office on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 6, 1879.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct my BUSINESS of MARINE SURVEYOR during my temporary absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers, Hongkong, May 6th, 1879.

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NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DE EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

COMMENCING with the LOMBARDY leaving Hongkong on the 3rd June, and until further notice, the Company's Mail Steamers FROM CHINA will proceed to LONDON, via Suez Canal, calling at Southampton to land Passengers and Mails.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGHT is authorised to SIGN our Firm per Procuration, from this Date.

SAYLE & Co.

Hongkong, May 6, 1879.

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NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

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NOTICE.

MR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly Manager of the Foochow Docks, has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

J. INGLIS & Co., Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE British Iron Barque "BEN-CLUTHA," 997 Tons Register, as she now lies at anchor in CHEEPOO Harbour.

For Particulars, &c., apply to Messrs H. STREAS & Co., Chefoo.

Hongkong, April 28, 1879.

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WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Shipping.

Steamers.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

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Intimations.

Volume Seventh of the
"CHINA REVIEW."
Now Ready.

No. 5.—Vol. VII.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

Legislation and Law in Ancient China.
Jottings from the Book of Rites 禮記.
Chinese Running Hand.
The Official Disquisitions of Wang Oh'ang.
The Sadness of Separation, or *Li Sao*.
Historical Table of the High Officials Composing the Central and Provincial Governments of China.
Mr. Kingsmill and the *Shi King*.
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
Notes and Queries—
Notes on the Language of the Formosan Savages.
The Rainfall of Peking in connection with the Sunspot Theory.
On some of the Constellations in the Shi-king.
Ancient Vases.
Anniversary of the Downfall of the Yuen.
Crocodyles.
Mourning Etiquette.
The Land Tax.
Sanskrit Characters.
Zoology.
Mongol Alphabets.
The God of the Hearth.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH BARK CARRICKS,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1879. my28

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *BELEGIO*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879. my24

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenfinlas* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. To-day.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879. my26

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship *Alaska*, Captain SKEWRY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

The above Steamer having incurred General Average, Consignees of Cargo and Treasure are notified that a General Average Bond is now lying at our Office and will require their Signature before delivery.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. TIGRE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Tigre*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 16th instant, at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Friday, the 23rd instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 16, 1879. my23

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 22, 1879. my25

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship
"ALBA,"
Capt. F. ASHROB, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 22, 1879. my26

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

IN ACCORDANCE with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 24th instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"
GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,"
H. H. NELSON, Actg. Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"
J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"
D. FITZ HENRY, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"
R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, May 22, 1879. my24

NOTICE.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

DURING the Next THREE MONTHS the Company's Steamers from CHINA will proceed direct to LONDON, leaving Hongkong on the following Dates:

3rd June.....	S.S. <i>Lombardy</i>	tons 2723
17th.....	<i>Zumbi</i>	2431
1st July.....	<i>Teheran</i>	2589
16th.....	<i>Khedive</i>	3742
27th.....	<i>Malva</i>	2935
12th Aug.....	<i>Katar-i-Hind</i>	4023
26th.....	<i>Cathay</i>	2982
9th Sept.....	<i>Bokhara</i>	2932

A. MÖLVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 22, 1879. my22

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

GOLDEN FLEECER, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire.—Vogel & Co.

ALEXA, British barque, Captain George Robb.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ANNIE W. WESTON, American barque, Captain H. O. Windsor.—Order.

VESUVIUS, American barque, Captain F. W. Cali.—Order.

JOHN R. STANHOPE, American barque, Capt. H. G. Pillbury.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ABOYL, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BREITHOVEN, German barque, Captain Haj.—Melchers & Co.

KILLARNEY, British steamer, Captain Henry O'Neill.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

ALICE C. DICKERMAN, American S-m. schooner, Captain W. M. J. Bagnant.—Order.

EXETER, American barque, Capt. D. B. Eddy.—Captain.

AYNE—Danish schooner, Capt. Lassen.—Chinese.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 22, *Modeste*, H. M. corvette, 1900, J. G. Mead, Singapore May 10.

May 22, *Paladin*, British steamer, 897, Geo. Parker, Saigon May 18, Rice.

—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

May 22, *Zambanga*, Spanish steamer, 851, V. Aranguren, Saigon May 17, Rice.

—REMEDIOS & Co.

May 22, *Fai Hoo*, Chinese R. C., from Hoihow.

DEPARTURES.

May 21, *Sun-lee*, Chi. R. C., for a cruise.

22, *Pernambuco*, for Saigon.

22, *Jeddah*, for Swatow.

22, *Deucalion*, for Singapore, &c.

CLEARED.

Freeman, for Hoihow.

Hermine, for E-On (Cochin-china).

Queen of India, for Newchwang.

St. Mark, for Saigon.

Emmy, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Paladin*, from Saigon, 80 Chinese.

Per *Zambanga*, from Saigon, 8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Deucalion*, from Amoy to London, Mr. R. B. Moorhead, and 855 Chinese to Straits; from Hongkong to London, Mrs. Geo. Holmes.

Per *Pernambuco*, for Saigon, 30 Chinese.

Per *Jeddah*, for Swatow, 450 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per *Emmy*, for Amoy, 200 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Paladin* reports: On the 19th inst. spoke S. E. Japan, from Hongkong to Singapore, in lat. 18.18 N., long. 110.42 E.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer *Zambanga* reports: Light N.E. breeze with smooth sea throughout. Steamers in port, *Charlton*, *Cruiser*, *City of Santiago*, and *Adria*, passed an English steamer off Cape Padaran on the 18th bound South.

CARGOES.

Per S. S. *City of Tokio*, sailed 20th May, 1879.—For Yokohama, 5,810 bags Sugar, 7,478 bags Beans, 10 pgs. Glue, and 141 pgs. Sundries; for San Francisco, 8,907 bags Rice, 213 bags Pepper, 440 bags Beans, 156 bags Coffee, 130 bags Sugar, 30 bags Tapioca, 25 bags Coffee, 48 pgs. Cinnamon, 34 pgs. Mace, 78 pgs. Nutmeg, 7 pgs. Silks, 1 bale Silks, 2 pgs. Opium, 700 Quicksilver Flasks, and 1,332 pgs. Gunnies; for Victoria, 500 bags Rice, 2 pgs. Opium, and 1 pgs. Merchandise; for Punta Arenas, 3 pgs. Silks, and 2 pgs. Sundries; for L. Libertad, 3 pgs. Silks; for San José de Guatimala, 11 pgs. Silks; for Panama, 100 bags Rice, and 2 pgs. Cigars; for Callao, 13 pgs. Silks; for Valparaiso, 1 pgs. Cigars; for New York, 1 pgs. Silks, 13 bags Silk, 402 pgs. Amoy Tea (38,803 lbs.), and 14 pgs. Merchandise; for Boston, 493 pgs. Amoy Tea (21,628 lbs.), and 4 pgs. Merchandise; for Chicago, 307 pgs. Amoy Tea (17,791 lbs.).

Per British ship *Onida*, Hongkong to San Francisco, sailed 19th May, 1879:—69,545 bags Rice, 704 bags Beans, 884 bags and 289 boxes sugar, 1,148 boxes Flour, 3,816 boxes Oil, 808 boxes Wine, 380 pgs. Soy, 478 pgs. Paper, 240 pgs. Fire-crackers, 121 pgs. Tobacco, 21 pgs. Chinaware, 4,288 pgs. Merchandise, 285 pgs. Tea (Canton) 5,700 lbs., 73 rolls Matting, 1,000 bales Hemp, 100 bales Gunnies, 103 bales Rattans, 185 bales Camphor-wood Planks, and 740 Empty Quicksilver Flasks.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—Per *Cetava*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 23rd inst.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhol and Hanol).—Per *Me-ki*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

Per *Washi*, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOOW.—Per *Douglas*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 25th inst.

For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI.—Per *Alba*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 26th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per *Paladin*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Alaska* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 26th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my26

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Irregularly* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ory on, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAIL BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Belvia* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879. my31

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Lombardy* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 27th June, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure:—

9 a.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Day of departure:—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Goods per *Tigre* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

Miscellaneous.

10 a.m.—Criminal Sessions.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, May 24:—
Banks closed for Queen's Birthday.

SUNDAY, May 25:—
10 a.m.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, May 26:—
Noon.—*Alba* leaves for Amoy, &c.
Goods per *Glenfinlas* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, May 27:—
French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Tenders for Naval Yard work.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. J. J. Francis' residence, No. 1, Colne Street.

WEDNESDAY, May 28:—
Dividend of 5% on Shares of Yangtze Insurance Association, payable at the office of Russell & Co.

SATURDAY, May 31:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, June 2:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, June 3:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Port of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, June 12:—
3.30 p.m.—Sale of Valuable Land, &c., at the Marine House.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1879.

THE documents published in yesterday's *Government Gazette*, referring to a constable named Freeman, and bearing upon the performance of night duties by the Police Force generally, are of considerable importance. They have all been translated into Chinese, and occupy four pages of the official paper, in parallel columns. It must be admitted that Mr. Hennessy, by his wonderful devotion to details, occasionally hits upon an irregularity in departmental routine, the correction of which tends to place matters administrative upon a better footing.

Although we do not desire to be uncharitable towards the official acts of His Excellency, it is unfortunate that at the present time the Head of the Executive should seem to be standing on his defence, and that the publication of so many documents in the *Gazette* should consequently favour "the case for the defendant." From the very first the Governor has sought to prove that the Winglok raid (and inferentially other serious crimes) was due to the inefficient distribution of the Police night duties on the Island, especially in the central districts. On the night of the 24th of May 1877, P. C. Freeman and the Indian constables at Hung-ham Station (at the Kowloon Docks) were found by the Inspector to be in their beds, instead of on duty. On the 17th of May 1878, Mr. Hennessy indites a minute or State paper, containing nine paragraphs, one of which reads as follows:—

"I have long been of opinion that upon the thorough performance of the night duties of the Police Force we have mainly to depend for the prevention of crime in this Colony. I see no reason for doubting the accuracy of the view taken by the recent Committee of the Legislative Council presided over by the late Mr. May, that this Colony has been insufficiently policed at night time, and that this has had probably more to do with the increase in some class of offences than any other cause."

But for this falling away, on the avowal of the official *Gazette*, in order to produce a beat of armor impervious to the assaults of the Home Government, we could have given the most unqualified approval of the action taken by the Governor in this case of P. C. Freeman. Undoubtedly, if Mr. Hennessy has succeeded in inculcating himself with the belief that all the evils which prompted the Resolutions of the Foreign Community in meeting assembled were the product of this alleged unfaithful discharge or insufficiency of arrangement of Police duties at night, there is then a consistent method in the

foregoing avowal-work, which is doubtless but a reflex of the larger and more elaborate works forwarded by mail to Downing Street. With this Minute as a sample of the Governor's ingenuity and ability as a despatch-writer, coupled with the fact that the Police Committee's Report on the Night Duties must have formed part of the "case," some idea may be formed of the "documents" now being considered in, or accumulating the sacred dust of, the Colonial Office in London.

Having thus explained what may be called the wider significance of the documents regarding Freeman, we will now proceed to consider their narrower and probably more legitimate meaning. As before-mentioned, Mr. Hennessy deserves credit for the way in which he appears to investigate matters; and if this could be done in such a way as not to unsettle the sense of responsibility which rightly rests upon the head of every department, it would be an unmixing good. However that may be, the decision of the question, whether Freeman deserved the greater favour of £250 or the strict regulation bonus of three months' pay (£120), is, by Ordinance, the assigned duty of the "Governor in Council." It is to be feared that, in appearing to recommend this man Freeman for the "greater favour," Captain Deane was stretching a point on the constable's behalf—the official Captain Superintendent was in fact carried away by his human sympathies. This may be creditable to Mr. Deane as a man, but not to the Captain Superintendent. Upon the basis of the mild system of rewards and punishments which seems to have governed the Police heretofore, Mr. O'neagh, then Acting Captain Superintendent, adjudged that Freeman should merely forfeit the sum of £6 for having been found, with all those under his command, asleep in bed instead of being on duty. If this is not a "serious offence," it would be interesting to know what offences are punishable by £7, £8 and £9 fines; and for what serious offences the ominous amount of £10 is inflicted as a penalty. In the Defaulter's Book this £6 irregularity of Freeman's is correctly described as a "gross neglect of duty"; but Captain Deane assures us that a "gross neglect of duty" is not a "serious offence"—that is, that nothing can be regarded as a serious offence unless it be punished by a fine of £10. Had Captain Deane fined Freeman, as he probably would have done, in the larger amount, the offence would thereby have been raised to the "serious" grade; but as Mr. O'neagh punished it with a sum £4 short of the regulation rate for a "

